

4. Demand, collection and balance.—The subjoined statement shows the land revenue demand of the year, arrears as well as current, the amount collected and written off, and the balance at the end of the year:—

Years.	Demand.			Collection.			Written off.			Balance.		
	Arrears. Rs.	Current. Rs.	Total. Rs.	Arrears. Rs.	Current. Rs.	Total. Rs.	Arrears. Rs.	Cur- rent. Rs.	Total. Rs.	Arrears. Rs.	Current. Rs.	Total. Rs.
1082	3,75,514	29,06,063	32,81,577	1,11,282	28,61,775	29,73,057	96,925	...	96,925	1,67,307	44,288	2,11,595
1083	2,11,595	29,53,674	31,65,269	89,300	29,22,060	30,11,360	43,951	...	43,951	78,344	31,614	1,09,958

The collections on account of current revenue amounted to about 99 per cent of the demand. Substantial progress was made in collecting or writing off the old arrears. The total pending balance at the end of the year was reduced from Rs. 2,11,595 to Rs. 1,09,958, or by nearly 50 per cent. All the divisions contributed to this satisfactory result. Of the unrecovered balance at the end of the year, *viz.*, Rs. 1,09,958, a sum of Rs. 24,386 consisted of amounts which had been ordered to be recovered by future instalments and which therefore were not really due during the year, and Rs. 63,010 represented the rents due to this Government on the *desavazhi* lands in Cochin, which could not be recovered under the ordinary revenue processes of this State. Special arrangements have been made for the recovery of these rents.

5. Revenue cases.—The subjoined statement shows the revenue cases disposed of by the Peishkars and Tahsildars during the year:—

Nature of case.	Number for disposal including balance of previous year.	Actual disposal.	
		Number disposed of.	Percentage of disposal.
1. Puduval or registry of waste lands ...	14,231	9,196	64
2. Transfer of registry ...	38,857	36,699	94
3. Poramboke ...	3,190	2,883	90
4. Cases under the Land Acquisition Regulation...	1,254	1,117	89
5. Escheat ...	174	136	78

There was substantial improvement in the disposal of transfer of registry cases, the percentage of disposal being 94, against 62 in 1082. The percentage of disposal in regard to puduval cases also rose, from 32 to 64, but there was considerable room for improvement in this respect, particularly in the Trivandrum division, where, out of 3,933 cases pending disposal at the close of the year, as many as 1,003 belonged to the years 1077 to 1080. His Highness' Government are insisting on these old cases being disposed of without delay.

The tardy disposal, in previous years, of applications for waste lands, by the Revenue department, attracted the attention of Government during the year, and on